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#### Calendar of Events

Celina Fireworks

July 8 Taste of Celina

July 22-24 Celina Lake Festival

Sept 2 **Chamber Golf Outing** 



## CELINA-MERCER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Summer 2022

## A Note from the Director:

I hope your summer is treating you all well and business is thriving! It's an exciting time for sure as we are preparing for some great summer events and looking at what is about to come this fall. But it seems so crazy to be thinking of our fall and winter events this time of year...it hardly seems right. This year is certainly flying by. As I was watching my nephew play ball the other evening, my sister mentioned the phrase "the days are long, but the years are short". Having heard this phrase many times I had never taken the time to reflect on it...that is until now. We work hard every day, we raise our families, we give back to our community, and so many other things that make the days feel long and tiresome. Then we sit each year and say how quickly the year has gone by. Why is that, why does it feel this way, can we make time truly slow down? Now more than ever this is on my mind as we will be moving our first born to college in 6 short weeks. How are we to the point of college when she was in kindergarten just yesterday? Even when the days seem long AND the years are short, it's still worth every second of time.

Here at the Chamber, we continue to plan our events with excitement and continue to promote the great things our businesses in Mercer County have to offer. And hopefully as the days are long, we are taking the time to enjoy what we have right here at our fingertips. Mercer County is the best! The best in industry, small business, agriculture, education, faith, and so much more.

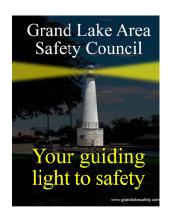
Since time is the one thing we can't control, make sure every second counts!

In good business,



## Grand Lake Area Safety Council

We are excited to bring back our in-person sessions of the Grand Lake Area Safety Council. The safety council is a subcommittee of the Celina Mercer Chamber of Commerce and follows under the direction of the Ohio BWC. Members of the safety council attend 10 safety meetings per year and by doing so they are eligible to receive a 2% rebate on their workers compensation premiums. The safety meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Romer's Catering in Celina, OH. Meetings begin with a delicious lunch at 11:30am and follow with the safety presentation at 12n. All meetings are wrapped up by 1pm. It's a great time to make connections, hear a great safety topic, and enjoy a nice lunch. The "Safety Year" runs July 1, 2022



– June 30, 2023. Enrollment is currently being accepted and all members must be enrolled by July 31. Our first meeting of the year will be held on July 20. If you would like to learn more or enroll your company into the Grand Lake Area Safety Council, please email safety@celinamercer.com. We look forward to hearing from you!!

#### Chamber Ambassadors

Unfortunately, Covid had a huge impact on our monthly Ambassador program and it was put on hold quite some time ago. We are looking to bring back a NEW type of program to meet and connect with other businesses in our community. We would like to host a quarterly business happy hour. We are in the beginning stages of this process and would like your input. Please reach out to us if you would be interested in sponsoring an event with food/drink, location, presentation. We are open to suggestions as

we would like to begin this new and exciting adventure this fall. What could be more fun than a Business Happy Hour at the end of your work day. Please connect with Stacy by emailing stacy@celinamercer.com if you would like more information on becoming involved. Let's grow our network with the great businesses of Mercer County!







#### Welcome New Chamber Members

#### **Celestial Crystal Creations**

The Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Celestial Crystal Creations. Owner Lori Yaney is excited to share her passion for healing crystals, handmade jewelry, charms, keychains, and so much more. This unique shop offers beautiful gifts and keepsakes and is located right here in Celina at 110 N. Vine Street. In addition to the many beautiful crystals that Lori offers, she is also an award-winning author writing several books including An Angel Named Jenny and has received numerous Reader's Choice Awards. To learn more, you can contact Lori at 567-279-5689 or follow her on Facebook at CelestialCrystalCreations. Welcome to the Chamber!



#### Miller Small Engine Services

Miller Small Engine Services is the newest member of the Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. Owned and operated by Brian Miller, Miller Small Engine Services is located at 325 W. Leona Street in Celina. The Millers have always had a passion for mechanics and have decades of engine repair history from many industries including marinas to yard equipment. In addition to his skills and expertise, Brian Miller offers top notch customer service and looks forward to assisting his clients. He offers pick-up and delivery service in addition to repairing and maintaining all makes or models of small engines regardless of where the customer purchased the product. For more information on Miller Small Engine Services, contact Brian Miller at 567-890-8665 or visit www.millersmallengine. com. Miller will also be accepting the chamber gift certificates too. We are very excited to welcome Miller Small Engine Services to the Celina Mercer Cty Chamber of Commerce.









#### Welcome New Chamber Members

#### **Evans Welding & Fabrication**

The Celina Mercer Chamber is excited to announce our newest member... Evans Welding & Fabrication. Located just outside of Celina, Evans Welding offers the best custom signs with their CNC Plasma Table, as well as offering welding and fabrication, powder coating and ceramic coating. They can create custom designs of excellent quality and an amazing, finished piece. To see their work, follow them on Facebook. Owner Aaron Evans is excited to work with you on your next piece. To find out more about the services they have available, contact



Evans Welding & Fabrication at 419-953-5795. We are thrilled to welcome them to the Chamber so be sure to check them out!!

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Grand Lake Eagles are proud sponsors of the Celina-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce



# Welcome New Chamber Members Wilkinson Printing

The Celina Mercer Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome their newest member to downtown Celina. Wilkinson Printing has overcome the "paperless world" by being more than a printing company. They provide ways for your company to get noticed from signage, apparel, print and more. Clients expect first class execution of their printed product...and they deliver. Whether it is a simple poster to a complex catalog, their staff executes each job with precision and pride. Just launched is Wilkinson's new ecommerce site at www.UsetheW.com. Visit www.usethew.com to learn more about the variety of marketing products your business can utilize. Wilkinson Printing has been a family-owned business since 1885. Currently owned and



operated by Dan and Sabrina Brant, Wilkinson Printing has been community oriented and driven, meeting the Van Wert community and surrounding areas printing needs for over 130 years. They are now excited to offer those same services in Mercer County with a shop at 207 S. Main St. in Celina, Ohio.The Celina store is managed by Cheri Oechsle, providing expert advice on how to make your business visually stand out from the competition. They offer a variety of products from signage in all types of formats to banners, print mediums, apparel, and other creative means. Wilkinson Printing also offers a variety of creative sparks for special event invitations, brochures, personal printing and more. Their talented staff is ready to meet your needs. Visit 207 S. Main Street in Celina or contact us at 419.605.2363 or at www.UsetheW.com.

#### Ralik Ratak Alele, LLC

The Celina Mercer Chamber of Commerce has the pleasure of introducing our newest member, Ralik Ratak Alele. RRA opened in September of 2021 at 218 W. Fayette Street in Suite A. RRA features items focused on Pacific Island clothing and

Asian food. But what makes this place so special are owners Rob and Lydia. Rob and Lydia had dreamt of offering a store like this for the community. After much research on vendors, products, and location, they were able to make this happen right here in Celina. Opening with and inventory of over 250 different items, they have increased that to over 400 different items. The majority of the items carried in their store is product recommendations and requests from you, their customers. They value every customer that walks thru the doors and takes their insight and feedback to build the store. Customers now have the opportunity to purchase authentic Asian foods right here in Celina rather than driving hours to do so. To get your authentic Asian foods, stop by and visit Rob and Lydia at their Celina store Monday – Saturday 10a-9p and Sundays 12p-6p. Welcome to the Chamber.







#### Did You Know About Chamber Benefits?

Did you know as a chamber member you can receive different benefits such as discounts on your health insurance? The Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce are proud members of SOCA (Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance), NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce), and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. With being members of these organizations, our members can enjoy different benefits such as insurance discounts. Just go to the benefits page of www.celinamercer.com to learn more and click on the links from SOCA and NOACC. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out for more information.





Here are their websites for you: https://noacc.org/ https://www.joinsoca.com/

# Mercer County Fair is coming soon!

The Mercer County Fair is coming to town August 12-18 in Celina! Enjoy a variety of attractions including Axe throwing, Butterfly encounter, Dock



Dogs, Lady Houdini, and Shark Encounter. The Mercer County Fair also has two nights of concerts with Roots & Boots featuring Colt Ford and King & Country featuring Gable Price & Friends. Other Grandstand events include Harness Racing, family movie night, tractor and truck pulls, and the famed demolition derby. Also, be sure to get your fair food fix in before summer is over with over 30 different food vendors to satisfy that craving. It's going to be a great time at the Mercer County Fair. For more information visit MercerCountyFairOhio. com or stop by our office for a detailed brochure.





### Members in the News!

Chamber Member, Boardwalk Village celebrated their grand opening on Friday, May 27th. They hosted tours of the amazing cottages that are now open and available to rent. City officials, Bruns and RCS Team members, and Chamber board members were on hand to celebrate the opening with a ribbon cutting. Later that day guests had the opportunity to tour the cottages and learn more about the excitement happening down by the lake. The townhouses are slated to open July 25th and will be just as spectacular. So be sure to invite all your friends and family for a visit to Celina and enjoy their stay at the amazing Boardwalk Village and enjoy the views of Grand Lake. For more information go to BoardwalkVillage.com













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# **Adult Leadership in Action**

It was an exciting year for our leadership in Action class...well, an exciting couple of years for some. The 2019-2020 class was put on hold when we experienced the government shut down due to Covid. It may seem like forever ago, but this class was postponed at that point until further notice. Our Leadership program was able to restart in September of 2021 with a new class. We however still had to make up classes for the previous class. We began the new class in September 2021 and the previous class joined them to make up classes from March 2022-June 2022. If you are still following all this craziness, we are pleased to say that we wrapped up the course with celebrating these TWO amazing groups of people on June 21st with a graduation celebration. These two groups showed grace and leadership as they merged to complete their program. Upon graduation they were asked what the favorite moment was and what job would they like to hold of all the places they visited. As the answers varied one thing is true, they all loved the experience and all love what they do in this community. These business professionals will continue to do great things as they know the importance of business and community. We were honored to celebrate them. Pictured are those that were able to complete the 2019-2020 class in addition to the 2021-2022 class.



2019-2020 Class Members L-R: Deb Hawkins, Courtney Dicke, Chris Burrows, Mandy Ranly, Stacy Jones, Kelly Poeppelman, René Barton, Kathy Muhlenkamp, and Mike Montgomery. Not pictured, Jace Homan.



2021-2022 Class Members L-R Front Row: Michelle Clune, Leah Hickerson, Bev Kremer, Brittany Beckstedt, Jennifer Germann, Katie Hamberg. 2nd Row: Mandy Goodwin, Amy Spriggs, Krista Stauffer, Jessica Brown, Romana Kieti, Rachel Reichert, Sarah Flenar, Julie Roth, Eric Brackman, Matt Selhorst, and Brent Koesters. Not pictured: Andrea Hays, Amber Subler.

These participants had amazing support from their companies. The businesses represented are as follows:

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Mercer Savings Bank
Farm Credit -Mid America
US Bank
Stolly Insurance
Celina Manor/HCF
Tomorrow's Technology Today/Coldwater Chamber

If you would like to inquire about our upcoming class beginning in September, please contact us at 419-586-2219 or email stacy@celinamercer.com. Class size is limited and filling up quickly, so inquire today!

# 2022 Chamber Golf Outing Rescheduled

Well mother nature was playing tricks on us again as we were rained out for our annual Chamber Golf Outing on May 27th. We made the call the day prior and of course the sun rose on that Friday morning causing me much anxiety on why we canceled. But just as suspected, a nice storm came in just shortly after the outing would have begun and ultimately would have washed us out. But no worries here as the Celina Lynx was great to reschedule our event for Friday, September 2. All the details remain the same



and we have the prizes just waiting to be raffled off. Thank you to the many businesses that provided raffle prizes and/or are hole sponsors. If you were scheduled to play in May, we still have you scheduled to play in September. We still have availability for only one more team to join us, so if you are interested, contact our office today. Thank you for your understanding in the postponement and we look forward to seeing you at the Lynx on Friday, September 2 to kick off your Labor Day weekend!



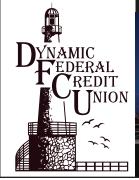














### Lake Festival News!

The Lake Festival is quickly approaching and so is the Lake Fest 5K Run. We are happy to host this run in conjunction with the Mercer Health 5K Challenge. If you are familiar with the Challenge, runners who complete 5 of the seven local 5k races are eligible for Challenge running apparel in addition to possible season end awards. The Lake Fest 5K will be Saturday, July 23rd beginning at 8am. There is still time to register for this event by going to mercerhealth5kchallenge.com. This chip timed event is open to all runners with age groups from 10 and under to 65 and over. Thanks to a generous donor, all kids 14 and under race for FREE with a completed registration form. So join us for a great morning around Grand Lake for the Lake Festival 5K Run.

#### Thanks to Lake Fest 5K sponsors:

Celina Insurance

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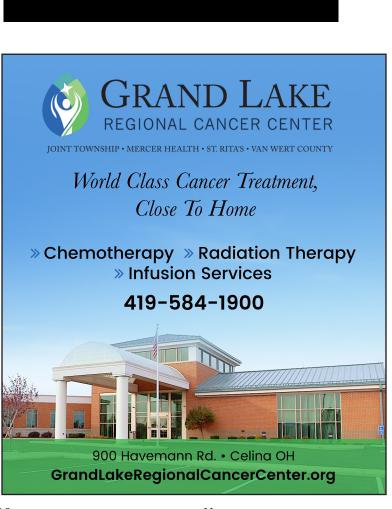
Best Western

Dairy Queen

Preferred Insurance

We will see you at the Lake!





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# Taste of Celina - July 8, 2022

The Taste of Celina happens each year in downtown Celina and this year is no different. It's a great community event that highlights some of the amazing restaurants that we know and love right here in Celina. It is also a great time to introduce new and upcoming restaurants as well. We enjoy a night out celebrating in the streets, listening to music, enjoying a car show, and so much more. Well, this night would NOT happen without the



amazing support of LOCAL businesses. I stress the word LOCAL!! I didn't call Amazon to support the event, I called on our local companies and they stepped up. We certainly couldn't do it without them and they deserve all the thanks! So here is a HUGE, shout from the rooftop, gratitude filled THANK YOU to the following LOCAL businesses:

Ultimate Chef Sponsor: Dynamic Federal Credit Union

Master Chef Sponsors: Citizens National Bank, Wabash Telephone, ArmCorp Construction, Celina Tent, Mercer Savings Bank, Mercer Health, Reynolds & Reynolds

Top Chef Sponsors: The People's Bank Co., CAPT, Celina VFW 5713, Leugers Insurance, Four U Office.

We also want to send our gratitude to all the amazing downtown businesses that allow us to close down Main Street for an entire day to host this event. Please be sure to get out and visit all of these great businesses in downtown Celina!





